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July 19, 2006

Lon Thomas Star Stone Quarries, Inc. 4040 South 300 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

RE: Conditional Approval to Amend Large Mine Notice, Cotton Thomas Operations, Task ID # 1469, M0030024; Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Division has completed a review of your amendment, received July 19, 2006, for the Chocolate Charcoal area. The amendment is complete and final approval is pending the submittal and approval of reclamation surety. The reclamation surety for the 10-acre Chocolate Charcoal addition is \$17,330. This amount is based on the average cost per acre for the current large mine reclamation plan.

The reclamation surety can be submitted in one of several forms, including cash, an irrevocable letter of credit, a certificate of deposit, or a surety bond. When you determine which form of surety you will post, please contact Beth Ericksen at (801) 538-5318 or e-mail <a href="mailto:bethericksen@utah.gov">bethericksen@utah.gov</a>. Thank you for your cooperation to help finalize this permitting action.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mining Program Coordinator Minerals Regulatory Program

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Beth Ericksen

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